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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above application be reconsidered as amended. Claims 24-45 are currently pending.

Claim 24 was allowed by the Examiner in the Examiner's Amendment dated March 17, 2004. Applicants have now added claims 25-45, which are dependent on claim 24 and thus also allowable. No new matter is introduced by these new claims, which include the definitions of original claims 2-15, 18, and 21-22.

New independent claim 42 corresponds to allowed claim 24, except that it further defines the weight percentage levels of the formaldehyde, polyethylene glycol, and acid catalyst, and the molecular weight of the polyethylene glycol, as in current claims 26, 28, 30, and 32. Accordingly, claim 42 is also allowable over the cited references. Dependant claims 43-45 further define the levels of the formaldehyde, polyethylene glycol and acid catalyst, and the identity of the acid catalyst, as in current claims 29, 31, 33, 35, and 36. No new matter is introduced by these new claims.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of claims 24-45 is respectfully requested.

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